

University Presbyterian Church



Sunday, November 2, 2025
10:30 a.m.

All Saint's Sunday, November 2, 2025
Service for the Lord's Day
10:30 a.m.

AS YOU PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

In order that people may listen to the music or pray in silence without distraction, please refrain from conversation after the music begins and kindly silence all cell phones. Also, please do not bring any food or beverage, other than water, in the sanctuary. Thank you.

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship. A playroom is available near the sanctuary for young children who are accompanied by their parents.

Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request which you would like the pastor to include in "Prayers of the People," please fill out the yellow prayer request slip found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate when passed.

THE GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship[†]

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who made heaven and earth.**

In life and in death **we belong to God.**

Baptized into Christ's death **we live unto Him.**

Come, let us Worship God!

***Prayer of the Day[†]**

Eternal God, you have knit your people of all times and places into one communion in the mystical body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant us your Holy Spirit of encouragement and strength so we may persevere in our leg of the relay race of faith until such time as we join the great cloud of witnesses who cheer us on the way. Keep us one with all who proclaim your gospel until such time as we finish our race, collapsing into your arms where you wait for us at the finish of your new creation begun in Christ, the pacesetter and perfecter of the way, the truth, and life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn #306

Blest be the Tie that Binds

Johann Georg Nägeli

Dennis

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

The Invitation

All people through all time have sinned. We come to this time of confession as we are also imperfect beings.

The Prayer[†]

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

There follows a moment of silent personal confession

Kyrie Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

New World Symphony

The Pardon[‡] from Romans 14:7-9, 6:2-4

Hear the good news: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the living and the dead.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life. Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Let us give thanks unto the Lord; God's steadfast love endures forever.

*Hymn #581 Glory Be to the Father Henry W. Greatorex

Glory Be to the Father, And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

*Sharing the Peace and Greetings

As God's forgiven people we extend the peace of Christ to one another saying, "the peace of Christ be with you."

*Sung response Hymn #822

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies, bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious and loving God, as we read Scripture let us remember all those who came before us and read from this Holy book. Let us also seek to hear what your word is for us today. **Amen**

Responsive Reading Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.

God's dominion is forever.

As for us our days are grass;

Like a flower of the field, we flourish and then we die.

But the steadfast love of God is from everlasting to everlasting,

And God's righteousness is to children's children.

The grass withers and the flower fades;

But the word of the Lord stands forever.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Bless the Lord.

God's dominion is forever.

First Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:11-23 (NT p. 192)

Second Scripture Reading Luke 6:20-31 (NT p. 64)

Anthem Lord, At Your Table Kneeling Eugene Butler

Children's Sermon

Sermon "Continuing a Long History"

*Hymn #525 Let Us Break Bread Together
Let us Break Bread African American Spiritual

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

The Naming of the Saints

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

The Invitation[†]

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! Folks will come from east and west, and from north and south. All the citizens of God's Rule in Christ will feast forever in glory.

This is the Lord's table, His dinner party spread across time. And all who are baptized in him are invited to this foretaste of the Age to come.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING[†]

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise to you, the God of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses, Joshua, Deborah, Ruth, David, priests, and prophets, Mary, Joseph, Peter and Paul, apostles, and martyrs, and ordinary unknown saints.

**You are the God of our mothers and fathers
and our children to all generations.**

You, Everlasting One, made us all. You fashion us into one people, and continue to love us even when we deny our godly heritage.

**Still, you call us home to you through saints dedicated to
your will.**

Therefore. we praise you joining our voices with all the people of faith of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (C) (D) (Em) (Am)
 Gm F E^b F Gm Cm

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

SANCTUS (Haugen)

(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)
 E^b F Gm Cm F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (D) (Em) (D) (C)
 Gm F Gm F E^b

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(D) (A) (Am) (D)
 F C Cm F

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm Cm F Dm7 G

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, most gracious God, for the gift of your child, our brother, Jesus Christ, who lived in accord with your will to the point of laying down his life for the good news he preached and passed on to us. On the night of his arrest, he taught us how to serve one another in love with a ritual of table fellowship enjoyed by Christians of all times and places.

And so, in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves with thanksgiving.

In union with Christ's offering for us, we live out the mystery of the faith we proclaim:



Spirit of the living God, make us one as we partake of these your gifts to us so we might be in communion with you and one another.

As we break bread together, may our eyes be opened to see your glory. As we lift the cup of salvation, may we be strengthened to follow your Way.

Until Christ comes in final victory and we feast together with all the saints at God's great family reunion, keep your church one in service to the world here and now, even as we pray for the world you so love: Speak your peace in the world where wars rage and violence triumphs. We lift before you our prayer for the health of all nations, that all people may flourish, for the upcoming elections in our country, for all people in positions of power over others' lives. May your will be done. May your Kingdom come. We pray for those who grieve, for those who are sick, for those struggling to live the fullness of your resurrection. Send forth comfort as only you can

give. Forgive our sin, O Lord, as we forgive others, and remember our making. Work with who we are, where we are, to form these clay pots into vessels of living praise, that our lives may participate in the same unending song of the universe raised by all the saints,

Through Christ with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor and praise are yours almighty God, now and forevermore. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Our Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Amen.

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion[†] *from Revelation 7:9-17*

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, crying out with a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen!"

*Hymn # 730 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God John Henry Hopkins
Grand Isle

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand or rise in spirit as you are able and feel so led.

†*Liturgy written by Teresa Stricklen for the Office of Theology and Worship PC(USA)*

‡*Book of Common Worship*, p. 386.

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Chancel Flowers are given by Jim Smyton
in loving memory of Patricia M. Smyton

Participating in Worship:

The Rev. Dr. Christine James, Pastor

Rebecca Kroetsch, Choir Director

Gregory White, Organist

Jim Smyton, Liturgist

Sharon Melius, Sandy Robertson & Tom Somerville, Greeters

Nick Casseri, Live streamer

Ginna Coon, Barbara Kraemer & John Swaine, Communion Servers

Next Week:

Howard Henry, Liturgist

Nick Casseri, Scott Horton & Vicki Moorhouse, Greeters

Val Macer, Live streamer

This Week...

Sunday, November 2	9:00 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Soup & Pie Luncheon
Monday, November 3	5:30 pm	Pickle ball
	7:00 pm	Zoom Deacon Meeting
Tuesday, November 4	Election Day Food Pantry Closed	
Thursday, November 6	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Open

Sunday, November 9	9:00 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Time

Deacons Soup and Pie Luncheon: Join us for lunch today following worship or take some soup and pie home to enjoy later in the day. Or... do both! The Deacons Soup and Pie Luncheon benefits the Deacons Fund which provides emergency financial assistance to UPC members and congregants.

University Students and Friends: Today is the Soup and Pie Luncheon after worship. Although this is a sale to benefit the Deacons' Fund, **University Students and Friends (students and other young adults) are invited to attend as guests of the church.** Please meet Lee Ann in the Fellowship Room downstairs to go through the serving line together.

Thanksgiving Outreach with CBC: We are helping again with this year's Thanksgiving Dinner with Calvary Baptist Church. Volunteers are needed for meal preparation Nov. 17 thru Nov.21, and for packing and delivery on Nov. 22. Volunteer Forms and Meal Request Forms are in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions please see Howard Henry or Val Macer. Thank you!!

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT CAMPAIGN 2025: The focus this year is the Children's Enrichment Ministry of Frontera de Cristo in Agua Prieta, Sonora. All children are welcome, especially children who are at risk of dropping out of school. When a child is enrolled in this safe and nurturing place, then their cousins and school friends join too, because their mothers like to know they are growing and happy. CEM works with 10 elementary schools, churches, the Children's Home and other organizations. They have 3 sites in different neighborhoods of the city and want to expand. Your donation will allow them to purchase the most basic needs: pencils, markers, crayons, balls, storage boxes, foam sheets, paints and other items. From Sunday November 30 to Sunday December 21, there will be a table in the narthex staffed by a Ministry to Community member where you can make a donation and receive a card or cards (designed by Janet Mazzaroppi) to let a friend or loved one know you have made this gift in their honor. Or you may simply make a donation. Any amount is welcome! Checks may be made payable to "University Presbyterian Church" with "Alt Gift" in the memo

University Presbyterian Church's Vision Statement

Let us be **BREAD**:

Beaming Christ's love to our neighbors and beyond

Resounding praise of God in worship with music while caring for one another and growing our faith

Enriching our neighborhood through creative use of our building

Acting with energy to foster a growing, vibrant, and welcoming church family

Developing diversity by engaging and welcoming all of God's beloved people

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